

# Mortal Engines



Base 5 – Year 6

Autumn Term 2019

Dear children, parents and carers,

I hope that you have all enjoyed your summer holidays and are refreshed and ready to start a new school year.

We begin our school year with our whole school topic of ‘Explorers’. Our class book is the amazing ‘Mortal Engines’ by Philip Reeve, it will have you hooked! This book is set in the future, after the infamous 60 Second War- where humanity as we know it destroyed itself. We now have a world where huge traction cities roam the planet, hunting each other down to take the meagre resources that have been left. We meet some brave children who battle for their future but will they survive? Who are the good guys and what really is Medusa? We will be following the city as it travels around the world- we will be exploring alongside the great traction city of London.

The organisation of the week is as follows; as usual the school doors are open from 8:45 and we expect the children to be in school no later than 8:55am, fully equipped with reading books, PE kit, any completed homework, a healthy snack for break times and a coat if needed! It is essential that s reading books are in school every day as I will be expecting the children to read every night and will be checking this daily. If there are any messages they can be given to me on the door. PE will be on a Thursday afternoon - please ensure all PE kits (warmer clothing included) are in school from a Monday and are clearly labelled . Our daily timetable is shown below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic
	Maths	Maths	SPAG	Maths	Maths/ Reading
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
	English (inc reading and SPAG)	English (inc reading and SPAG)	English	English (inc reading and SPAG)	English (inc SPAG)
Homework marking			French		
Afternoon	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime Book Club (B5 only)	Lunchtime	Lunchtime
	Assembly	News Assembly	Reading	RE	Learning journey
	Learning journey	Learning journey	Learning journey		
	Class story	Class story	Class story		Assembly

\*Learning journey covers all other curriculum subject areas

\*\*This timetable gives a general overview of the week and may change according to the needs of the class.

Weekly Homework set on a WEDNESDAY and due back on the following WEDNESDAY

There is an expectation that you always complete your homework fully and on time. The homework set will either prepare you for the following week’s learning , recap the previous week’s learning or cover some basic key skills and is therefore extremely important. You will be expected to read daily- this really is vital and I will be checking this every morning. Homework club is available on a Tuesday lunchtime if you would prefer to

complete the work set at school. You will be given the opportunity to purchase a CGP SPaG revision guide which we will be using for homework. These are excellent at supporting the children when learning and are also helpful for parents too!

- Spellings and arithmetic skills that we have been working on in class (and spelling which have been sent home) will be tested on a Wednesday and results recorded in the children's homework books.
- SPaG homework will be marked together on a Wednesday as well as any other set homework.
- It is expected that you read daily. It is a real pleasure to enjoy a good book, if you haven't found something you love yet come and ask for help, that's what we are here for.

Also, a quick reminder that pencil cases are not allowed in school – there simply isn't the room and school provide all the equipment that your child will need.

We will continue to work on our 'ACHIEVE' approach- something that ,as you are now Base 5, I hope you can be real experts on. It is really important that we recognise that getting something wrong is simply a step in learning and by the same token getting everything right means we have not learned anything new- we need a challenge!

**Ask** – always ask questions to further your learning

**Concentrating**- focus on your work and your task

**Help**- help others to learn

**Improve**- see your mistakes as an opportunity to learn.

**Engage**- engage yourself with your learning- take control of it

**Value** – value yourself; you are important and so are your classmates

**Explore** – explore your ideas and stretch your learning.

As you are now Year 6, it is very important that you are the role models for the school, being the best you can be. The children will be awarded 'Roles and Responsibilities' which are very special jobs with the key jobs only being awarded to year 6 children. Their role, once awarded, will be recorded in their homework book so that it can be celebrated at home too. We will also have a celebration assembly for the children in school so that their role is recognised by everyone.

The children will also play a key role in supporting the new starters as they begin their journey at school, they will help them on the playground if needed, read with them and hopefully be a kind and supportive figure for all our new children. I know everyone will be great at this.

### Health and Wellbeing

Please ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle to school daily. All snacks and packed lunches should be healthy. A breakfast snack is provided by Mrs Warner at a small cost and a hot dinner can be purchased for £2.40. Any absence needs to be reported to the school office no later than 9.30am.

And finally, parent and carers, please remember that I am here for your child and just as you , I want the best for them – if you have any concerns or worries, my door is always open.

Your Teacher,

Mrs Charlesworth

P.S

Please be aware that, although this is a text written for upper key stage 2 children, I have edited some sections of the book- I suggest that if you buy the book for your child, you pop in so that I can show you the sections I have removed.

There are some important dates for your diary (please also see the website for updates and Parentmail)...

17<sup>th</sup> September – Parent Meeting- How to support my child in KS2 (please do attend)

25-27<sup>th</sup> September - Robin Wood residential visit

16<sup>th</sup> October - Individual class photos

17<sup>th</sup> October – Fluenz (for children with consent from parents)

22-23<sup>rd</sup> October – Parents' Evening